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TAGS: ETRD, GATT, XT, EAGR

SUB: US GRAIN RIGHTS UNDER STANDSTILL AGREEMENTS

REFS: EC BRUSSELS 2125 AND PREVIOUS

1. WE HAVE AGAIN ASKED HIJZEN, EC COMMISSION DEPUTY  
DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS, WHEN THE US  
MIGHT EXPECT TO HAVE A REPLY TO ITS REQUEST

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TO UNDERTAKE GRAINS RENEGOTIATIONS UNDER THE STAND-  
STILL AGREEMENTS. WE DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH HIM  
MOST RECENTLY ON MAY 8.

2. ON A PERSONAL BASIS, HIJZEN SAID THAT THE MATTER  
IS UNDER CONSIDERATION WITHIN THE COMMUNITY ( APPARENTLY  
IN THE ARTICLE 113 COMMITTEE.) NO ONE HAS QUESTIONED  
THE FACT THAT THE COMMUNITY IS OBLIGATED TO NEGOTIATE  
WITH THE US. HIJZEN ALSO APPEARS CONFIDENT THAT THE  
COMMUNITY WILL RESPOND IN TIME SO THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS  
CAN BEGIN PRIOR TO JUNE 30-- THE LATEST DATE FOR  
QUALITY WHEAT NEGOTIATIONS MENTIONED IN THE EC  
COUNCIL DECISION OF FEBRUARY 5, 1973. ( SEE EC A-84 OF MARCH  
1).

3. HIJZEN SAID THE REAL PROBLEM IS THAT, BEFORE  
RESPONDING TO THE US PROPOSAL WITH A SPECIFIC DATE,  
THE COMMUNITY MUST IN EFFECT DECIDE ON ITS NEGOTIATING  
POSITION. THE US NEGOTIATING RIGHTS, WHICH GO BACK  
MANY YEARS, HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE COMMUNITY  
IN THE CONTEXT OF THE CURRENT SITUATION. HIJZEN IS  
SITLL NOT CERTAIN WHETHER AN EC COUNCIL DECISION WILL  
BE REQUIRED BEFORE THE COMMISSION CAN GIVE A FORMAL  
RESPONSE TO THE US ON THE DATE, BUT IT IS CLEAR THAT  
CAREFUL CONSIDERATION IS REQUIRED WITHIN THE  
COMMUNITY. HIJZEN CONCLUDED BY REASSURING US THAT  
THE COMMISSION RECOGNIZES ITS RESPONSIBILITY IN THIS  
MATTER. GREENWALD

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